

**BENSALEM TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday
February 25, 2019**

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Joseph Knowles, Council President
Ed Kisselback, Council Vice President
Joseph Pilieri, Council Secretary
Jesse Sloane, Council Member
Ed Tokmajian, Council Member

ALSO PRESENT:

Mayor Joseph DiGirolamo
Debora McBreen, Council Clerk/Recording Secretary
Joseph Pizzo, Township Solicitor
Lauren Gallagher, Township Solicitor
Harold Gans, Township Engineer

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING:

Council President Knowles opened the meeting with a moment of silence which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

1A. B3T UNITY WEEK ESSAY PRESENTATION:

Fred Harran, Co-Chairman of Building a Better Bensalem Together introduced two students, Aubrei Mason and Leah Smith, who recited their essays from Unity Week.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Council President Knowles invited Public Comment on Agenda items, but no one came forward and the first of two public portions was closed.

PLEASE NOTE:

The minutes are not verbatim but rather a synopsis of what transpired during the meeting, and while I do my best to attribute remarks and questions to the correct individual, there may be mistakes or omissions because of the “back and forth” dialogue and the lack of the use of the microphones.

3. APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES:

After corrections were noted to the minutes of February 11th, 2019, **Council Member Sloane** motioned to approve and **Council Member Tokmajian** seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

4. BOARD OF AUDITORS APPOINTMENT:

Council Vice President Kisselback motioned to approve the appointment of Mary Barbee as a member of the Board of Auditors for the remainder of the year 2019, **Council Secretary Pilieri** seconded and the vote carried 3-2, with **Council Member Sloane** and **Council Member Tokmajian** voting nay.

5. CONSIDERATION OF A RESOLUTION FOR 537, PA SEWAGE FACILITIES ACT:

Solicitor Pizzo explained that this is the DEP required Resolution for the amendment of the Act 537 Plan for 1154 Tennis Avenue. The land development was previously approved by council and the Resolution is in a form acceptable for council’s consideration and approval. **Council Secretary Pilieri** motioned to approve and **Council Member Sloane** seconded, the motion carried 5-0.

6. CONSIDERATION AND PUBLIC HEARING ON AN ORDINANCE REGARDING THE STREET ROAD CORRIDOR TOWN CENTER OVERLAY DISTRICT:

Tabled until June 10th, 2019.

7. **CONSIDERATION AND SIGNING OF DOCUMENTS FOR:**

Applicant: Ivy State Road Property, LLC
Location: 3750 State Road
Proposed Use: Storage and Warehouse Structure
Zoning Classification: GI – General Industrial
Tax Parcel: 2-2-79-9-4, 79-9-5, 79-9-6, 79-10 and 2-80-28

The agreements have been prepared by Rudolph, Clarke and Associates and are in the townships standard form for such agreements and have been executed by the developer. The required monies have been posted by the developer and the agreements are in a form acceptable for council's consideration and execution this evening. **Council Secretary Pilieri** motioned to approve, **Council Member Tokmajian** seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

8. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Council President Knowles invited Public Comment and the following speakers came forward.

Andrew Moignard, Middletown Township, Skateboard Advocate, spoke on behalf of the skateboarders in attendance and raised questions and concerns regarding the Township Skate Park. Mr. Moigmard was instructed to contact the Director of Parks and Rec, Mr. Chuck McMullin to discuss his concerns as this would be an administrative issue not council. The Mayor indicated that the skatepark will be assessed during the springtime regarding safety issues.

Dan Stites, 2904 Bunker Hill Ct., indicated that the skate park is largely inaccessible in that they believe it is locked more often than it is open.

Phil & Colleen Floinski or Sloinski (Coleen Rispo 2032 Hansell Drive), complained about stormwater issues regarding their property. Quinton Nearon, township engineer, reported his findings to council.

Seeing no one else come forward the second of two Public portions was closed.

9. **OTHER BUSINESS:**

The **Mayor** thanked everyone for coming out.

Council Member Sloane indicated that the Pennsylvania Junior Science Fair was this past weekend and there were 26 Bensalem Students who competed and of the 26 students 25 got first place and congratulated all the students and teachers involved.

Council Vice President Kisselback congratulated the Bensalem students for their accomplishments at the PA Junior Science Fair.

Council Member Tokmajian congratulated the Bensalem students and wished them good luck in their advancement and continued to say that the Bensalem Robotics Club was having a convention at the end of March. **Council Member Tokmajian** asked about the status of the Building and Planning Director if he has started his position officially, the **Mayor** replied that Mr. Ken Farrell has started his position as Director of Building and Planning in the month of December 2018.

Council President Knowles congratulated the Science Club and St. Ephrem's CYO boys and girls who won their championship and have advanced on to the next level.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to conduct, **Council Secretary Pilieri** motioned to adjourn.

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www.bensalempa.gov

or

www.youtube.com

Respectfully submitted,

Debra F. McBreen
Recording Secretary/Council Clerk